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sidewalls, the permanent opening having a sufficient width to permit one of the trays to be passed through the opening while oriented in a substantially horizontal position, and wherein the frame can be selectively placed into and removed from a baking chamber as a unit.

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6. (Twice Amended) An automatic bread making machine comprising:
a housing having a baking chamber coupled to a source of heat and a baking rack assembly comprising a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber as a unit, the frame having two opposing, laterally spaced sidewalls extending upward from and coupled to a base member and a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by the two sidewalls of the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of dough that can be proofed or baked on the tray when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

11. (Twice Amended) An automatic bread making machine comprising:
a housing having a baking chamber and a container for receiving bread making ingredients;

a motor for mixing the ingredients within the container to form a dough;

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a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber, the frame having two opposing, laterally spaced sidewalls extending upward from and coupled to a base member with a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by the two sidewalls of the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of the dough, the frame also having a permanent opening between the two sidewalls with dimensions sufficient to permit one of the trays to be passed through the opening while oriented in a substantially horizontal position; and

a heating element coupled to the baking chamber to bake the dough positioned on the trays when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

16. (Twice Amended) A method of baking a plurality of portions of dough comprising:

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placing ingredients into an automatic bread making machine;